

## CONDOLENCE MOTION

**Moved by: Mayor Miller**

**Seconded by: Councillor Rae**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council mourn the loss and are deeply saddened by the passing of Barrie Chavel, whose brief and mighty battle with cancer ended on October 19, 2009.

Barrie started with the City of Toronto in 1980 as the Executive Assistant to Alderman David Reville. She joined Public Works in 1985 where she demonstrated that you don't have to be an elected official to make change; it's your talents, your energy, your willingness to take action and your generosity of spirit. She showed that by taking action, you can inspire others to action too.

She left Works in 1988 to become the Community Relations Co-ordinator, for the Ataratiri development, and was with the team that garnered a Gold Medal from the Canadian Institute of Planners for the studies and public consultation for the impossibly complex and politically charged project.

From 1992 to 1999 she worked with Public Works in a variety of roles and then as Supervisor of Street Events in Transportation from 1999 to December 31, 2006. It is impossible to capture Barrie's contribution by describing her job titles. Her scope always exceeded description. Anyone who worked with her agreed that working with Barrie was a unique, memorable and incredibly fun experience. She had energy and enthusiasm and a true love and dedication to public service. Every Business Improvement Area respected her; every street event organizer adored her, the myriad of homeless people she helped remembered her, years after she met and helped them.

She was a founding Member of the Riverdale Zoo/Farm Committee and a whirlwind in her neighbourhood of Cabbagetown for many years.

Barrie had a distinctive and gravelly voice and also a very loud enthusiasm for Toronto. She managed to find good in everyone. She swept her colleagues along with her. She was proud of civic service and loved her City, its neighbourhoods, its parties and its people. Our streets will never be the same.

She is survived by her two sons, Matthew and James.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Barrie Chavel's family.

October 26, 2009